

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN OR VICINITY

✓ CALIFORNIA

Amador

Buena Vista (intersection Lancha  
Plana-Ione & Jackson-StocktonRds) 1P

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Buena Vista Stone Store

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NEGATIVE FILE

H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

Cal 1508

History - Buena Vista valley and mountains, as well as village, bore the name that signified "beautiful view" on the old Mexican grant, Rancho Arroyo Seco. Mainly agricultural, there was some mining in the nearby hills. Store had been built first at Lancha Plana, but when gold was found to be rich in the ground under it, John Fitzsimmons, owner, made an agreement

SHOWS

WINDMILL PUMP

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with Chinese to move the bldg., piece by piece, to present site in 1876. It was carried on backs of Chinese a distance of 6 miles. Description - Small 1-story stone bldg. typical of mining period architecture and notable for sturdy construction and skilled masonry: front facade shows quoining and smooth, squarely fitted blocks in contrast to rough but regularly placed blocks of side walls. False front, with attic of clapboard, above stone facade. References - Rensch, Hist. Spots in Calif., 1948, p. 69., Amador County Chamber of Commerce Map. Author of Card - H. E. Rensch, Historian, 2225 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California, June 1961.